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SUBJECT: ACYPL-CYO EXCHANGE

REF: STATE 109757, MOSCOW 7017 STATE 108547,

1. EMBOFFS MET CYO REPS MAY 6 AS SUGGESTED REFTEL B.
2. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN FILIPPOV SAID AS MATTER OF PRINCIPLE CYO SELECTS MEMBERS OF SOVIET DELEGATION; POMPYANSKIY HAS BEEN NOMINATED AS MEMBER OF DELEGATION BY EDITOR OF HIS PAPER; WILL ACYPL ACCEPT SOVIET DELEGATION AS CONSTITUTED? HE STRESSED THAT INITIAL DECISIONNVO INCLUDE POMPYANSKIY AS MADE BY CYO PRESIDUM AND REAFFIRMED BY THAT BODY AFTER RECEIPT OF INFORMATION IN REFTEL C.
3. EMBOFFS THEN PRESENTED POSITION OUTLINED REFTEL A.
4. CYO REPRESENTATIVES REITERATED THEIR INTENTION TO HAVE POMPYANSKIY AS DELEGATE, CLAIMING THAT AS CORRESPONDENT HE COULD NOT PARTICIPATE IN SEMINARS, COULD NOT REPRESENT CYO, COULD NOT HAVE SAME STATUS AS FULL DELEGATES. CYO CLAIMED AGREEMENT WITH ACYPL RULES OUT CORRESPONDENTS PARTICIPATING IN SEMINARS. CYO FURTHER CLAIMED THAT IS PRACTICE IS TO HAVE RESIDENT KOMSO-MOLSKAYA PRAVDA CORRESPONDENT PARTICIPATE IN SUCH MEETINGS ON BEHALF OF CYO IN FOREIGN COUNTRIES WHERE KP HAS RESIDENT JOURNALIST, RATHER THAN TO SEND MAN FROM USSR.

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5. EMBOFFS REITERATED ACYPL POSITION THAT THIS NOT IN SPIRIT OF

EXCHANGE PROGRAM ,BUT STATD THEY NOT IN POSITION TO BARGAIN WITH CYO ON BEHALF OF ACYPL. WE PROMISED TO CONVEY IMMEDIATELY CYO POSITION TO ACYPL VIA DEPT. CYO MADE CLEAR IT EXPECTED RESOLUTION OF THIS MATTER BEFORE DELEGATION'S SCHEDULED DEPARTURE MAY 11.

6. COMMENT. WE DO NOT BELIEVE CYO NOW IN POSITION TO NOMINATE TWELFTH DELEGATE. ONLY SUGGESTION WE MIGHT PASS TO ACYPL IS THAT ASSURANCES BE GIVEN THAT IN THIS ONE INSTANCE POMPYANSKIY WOULD ENJOY FULL PARTICIPATION IN ALL ACTIVITIES. WE OF COURSE SUPPORT ACYPL/DEPT POSITION THAT AS MATTER OF PRINCIPLE RESIDENT NOT BE ACCEPTED AS REGULAR DELEGATE. JUDGING FROM HARD LINE TAKEN BY CYO MAY 6, HOWEVER, WE DO NOT RULE OUT POSSIBILITY CYO MIGHT HOLD DELEGATION IN MOSCOW OR EVEN SCRUB TRIP OVER THIS ISSUE.

7. ADVISE BEFORE COB MOSCOW TIME MAY 7 IF AT ALL POSSIBLE.
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